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In re Application of	: DECISION MERGING
HUNT, Andrew Tye et al.	:
US Application No.s: 10/030,446 and 10/019,081	: APPLICATION PAPERS
PCT Application No.: PCT/US00/18163	:
Int. Filing Date: 29 June 2000	: AND VACATING
Priority Date: 02 July 1999	:
Attorney's File Reference: 0005-GL-US	: NOTIFICATION OF
For: METHOD OF COATING CERAMICS	:
USING CCVD	: ABANDONMENT

The above-captioned applications are before the PCT Legal Office for issues arising under 35 USC 371.

BACKGROUND

On 29 June 2000, the applicants filed international application number PCT/US00/18163 claiming a priority date of 02 July 1999. On 31 January 2001, applicant filed a Demand for international preliminary examination. Accordingly, the 30-month time period for entry into the US national stage under 35 USC 371 expired at midnight on 02 January 2002.

On 28 December 2001, applicants filed a declaration of inventorship listing applicants Andrew Tye Hunt (Hunt), John Eric McEntyre (McEntyre), Matthew Scott Vinson (Vinson), and George A. Neuman (Neuman). The declaration was submitted "for entry into the file of the above-identified PCT application [PCT/US00/18163] for use in subsequent U.S. National Stage filing."

On 02 January 2002, applicants filed a transmittal letter concerning a filing under 35 USC 371 for PCT/US00/18163 along with, inter alia, the basic national fee. The submission was assigned US application number 10/030,446.

On 22 March 2002, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Abandonment indicating that the US national stage application number corresponding to international application number PCT/US00/18136 is 10/019,081. The notification further indicated that US application number

10/019,081 was abandoned for failure by the applicant to provide the basic national fee by 30 months from the priority date.

DISCUSSION

The Notification of Abandonment mailed 22 March 2002 was mailed in error. Due to a typographical error made during the entry of the international application number, the notification was erroneously mailed to the applicant incorrectly indicating that 10/019,081 is the US application number assigned for the US national stage of international application number PCT/US00/18136. John K. Wong is the sole inventor listed in international application number PCT/US00/18136, which does not even designate the US. Thus, international application number PCT/US00/18136 is not the application of above-identified applicants Hunt, McEntyre, Vinson, and Neuman. Further, there can be no US national stage application of PCT/US00/18136 since the US was not designated in that application.

The declaration filed 28 December 2001 has been placed in the file of US application number 10/030,446. The declaration complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b). Applicants should not direct future correspondence to application number 10/19,081 as this number has been inactivated.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) of US application number 10/019,081 mailed 22 March 2002 is hereby VACATED.

This application is being forwarded to the US national stage processing division of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing in accordance with this decision including according the application the 371(c) date of 02 January 2002.

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